

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

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A RESOLUTION to request Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to implement term limits for members of Congress.

WHEREAS, the concept of the citizen lawmaker has been a treasured and effective hallmark of government at all levels throughout most of the history of our state and nation. More recently much of Congress has been comprised of entrenched professional politicians, and that has done little to strengthen the fabric of our nation or to make the institutions of government more responsive; and

WHEREAS, the numerous instances in which Congress is insulated from the tensions, concerns and pressures facing families across this country contribute to a level of mistrust of government that should not be ignored. Implementing term limits, in order to remove the gap between voters and the men and women who are their voices in Washington, is a step that should be taken to better align our legislative branches of government with the philosophy of "We the People" upon which our country was founded; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we request Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to implement term limits for members of Congress to provide that United States Senators cannot serve more than two (2) terms and United States Representatives cannot serve more than three (3) terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Tennessee congressional delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Senate be directed to send this resolution to each new Congress no later than the first day of February of the first year of the Congress unless or until this resolution is rescinded by a future vote of the General Assembly.